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Title : SURFACE TREATING  
          METHOD FOR LIGHT-METAL  
          CASTINGS AND VEHICLE  
          ALUMINUM WHEEL  
          SURFACE-TREATED BY THE  
          SAME METHOD



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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated July 23, 2002, kindly amend the Application as follows:

Marked up Version in the Claims

1. (Once Amended) A ~~surface treatment~~ method for fabricating a light-metal casting, characterized by comprising the steps of:

a-casting a single piece light metal part by ~~step for~~ applying a casting pressure of more than about 50 megapascal from an ejection plunger to a molten metal of a light-metal material poured into a die, to form a casting having pinholes generated in a casting surface, wherein the generation of pinholes being is suppressed to generate so as to meet a predetermined condition;

a-polishing step for reducing the casting to reduce a roughness of a polished surface obtained by polishing said casting surface to not more than a predetermined value;